under review and the modifications thereto are made as and when considered necessary by way of issue of Public Notices. Recently, relaxation has been given in the Duty Exemption Scheme by allowing free disposal of replenished materials against Advance Licences. This facility is available only in respect of export of engineering, chemicals and petrochemicals products, after fulfilment of the stipulated export obligation.

Enhancement of ways and means limit of States

3503. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has come from the States for the enhancement of ways and means limit of the States; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ways and means limits of the State Governments with the Reserve Bank of India were last revised from 1st March, 1988 and further revision is not contemplated now.

Mahanadi Barrage

3504. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated cost of construction of Mahanadi Barrage and whether there has been any cost escalation;

(b) how much amount has been spent so far on the construction of the Barrage and also on improvement of distribution system;

(c) what is the additional average of land likely to be irrigated by the project; and

(d) by when the Barrage is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a)

Original Cost	.	Rs. 42.09 crores
Latest Cost	.	Rs. 119.69 crores

(b) An expenditure of about Rs. 115 crores is anticipated upto March, 1989 on Barrage portion alone.

(c) Existing irrigation benefits in an area of 1.83 lakh hectares will get stabilised.

(d) VII Plan.

Setting up of an environment Institute at Kosi in Almora district of Uttar Pradesh

3505. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Institute named after the Late Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant will be set up at Kosi in Almora district of Uttar Pradesh to deal with environment problems;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) An Institute named Govind Ballabh Pant Himalaya Paryavaran Evam Vikas Sansthan has been started at Kosi in Almora District in Uttar Pradesh to study the interaction between environment and development in the Himalayan region for ecologically sustainable development. The Institute will be the focal point in the areas of research development training, education and awareness. The core programme includes management of land and water resources and rural ecosystem on sustainable basis, ecological economics, environmental impact assessment and conservation of biological diversity. An amount of Rs. 300 lakhs has been provided under the 7th Plan.